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PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the State of Washington there are a number of organizations devoted to the interests of history. The Washington Historical Quarterly desires to be as helpful as possible to all of these organizations. In the spirit of helpfulness it has been decided to run in the first number of each year a survey of the work being done by the various societies together with compiled lists of the officers and their addresses. Such a list would prove helpful to those seeking information of historical material in the several localities, and it is hoped that the regular publication of the list, together with information regarding the activities of the organizations will prove helpful to the socities themselves. The information gathered for this first compilation may be at fault on account of the difficulty in reaping over so large a field, but it is hoped that if any of the information is found to be faulty that the attention of the Quarterly will be called to the same.

The following is a list of the societies about which the Quarterly has been able to get knowledge:

THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: Founded October 23, 1883, at Olympia. The headquarters are at Seattle. The officers for 1914 were Samuel L. Crawford, president; Edgar Bryan, secretary; W. M. Calhoun, treasurer. This society is the most noted pioneer association in the State. The original membership requirements were residence in the Territory prior to 1862; later they were changed to residence prior to 1870; at present a person to become a member must have lived in the Territory forty years prior to date of application for membership. All told, the Association has had a membership of over 1200; the present list totals over 800.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: This society was founded October 8, 1891. Headquarters of the society are at Tacoma. The officers for 1914 were Henry Hewitt, Jr., president; W. L. Gilstrap, secretary; W. P. Bonney, acting secretary since the death of Mr. Gilstrap; W. H. Dickson, treasurer. The object of the society is "to collect, formulate and preserve in permanent form, the traditional record and object history of Washington." For two years the society published the Washington Historical Magazine. Any citizen of the State may become a member.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Founded at Seattle, January 1, 1903. The headquarters are at the State University, Seattle. The officers for 1914 were Clarence B. Bagley, president; Edmond S. Meany, secretary; Roger S. Greene, treasurer. Since October, 1906, the society has published the Washington Historical Quarterly. Any person may become a member.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON: The headquarters of this society are at Seattle. The officers for 1914 were Nellie Russell, president; Julia N. Harris, vice-president; other officers not known. Any native daughter over sixteen may become a member.

DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON PIONEERS: The headquarters are in Seattle but the officers were not ascertained.

NATIVE SONS OF WASHINGTON: This is a State organization but the number of camps are unknown to the Quarterly at present. Alki Camp, No. 2, located at Seattle have the following officers: Arthur R. Griffin, captain; T. C. Naylor, financial secretary and treasurer; F. L. Conners, historian.

WOMEN'S PIONEER AUXILIARY OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTONS: The headquarters of this society are at Seattle. The officers for 1914 were Mrs. J. W. Denny, president; Mrs. H. O. Hollenbeck, secretary; Mrs. D. T. Davies, treasurer. The society hold four meetings a year. Membership is restricted to women who have resided in the State prior to 1889, or the year of statehood.

ADAMS COUNTY: See Lincoln County.

BENTON COUNTY: Old Settlers' Union—The headquarters of this society are at Prosser. The officers for 1914 were: G. W. Wilgus, president; A. G. McNeill, vice-president; M. Henry, secretary. The society has an annual meeting. Membership requirements are twenty years residence in the County.

CHEHALIS COUNTY: Pioneer Association of Chehalis County.—The headquarters of the association are at Aberdeen. The Quarterly was unable to get the full quota of officers; J. E. Calder is secretary. The association collects and preserves local historical documents. Membership is restricted to those having residence in the county prior to January 1, 1885.

Aberdeen Pioneer Association.—The headquarters are at Aberdeen. The officers for 1914 were: Mrs. Ross Pickney, president; J. B. Haynes, vice-president; Mrs. William Irvine, secretary; Mrs. J. G. Lewis, treasurer; Reverend Charles McDermoth, historian. There are three meetings of the association, the annual meeting occuring in January. Local

historical documents are collected and deposited with the historian. Membership requirements are residence in Aberdeen prior to the date of the incorporation of Aberdeen, March 20, 1888.

KING COUNTY: Seattle History Society.—The headquarters are in Seattle. The officers for 1914 were: Mrs. Morgan J. Carkeek, president; Mrs. William Pitt Trimble, vice-president; Mrs. Redick H. McKee, secretary; Mrs. W. F. Prosser, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas W. Prosch, historian.

KITSAP COUNTY: Kitsap County Pioneers' Association.—Organized at the Kitsap County Fair, October 10, 1914. Headquarters are at Charleston. The officers for 1914 were: W. B. Seymore, president; Lillie L. Crawford, secretary; G. E. Miller, treasurer. The Associattion has an annual meeting. Membership is restricted to those having a residence in the county prior to 1893.

LINCOLN: Lincoln and Adams County Pioneer and Historical Association.—The headquarters are at Davenport and the annual fair and meeting is held on the Association's splendid grounds on Crab Creek. The officers for 1914 were: W. H. Vent, president; C. E. Ivy, secretary-treasurer; C. W. Bethel, historian. The annual three days' meeting begins with the third Tuesday in June.

OKANOGAN COUNTY: Okanogan County Pioneers' Association.—The Quarterly was unable to get in touch with this Association although it was known from various sources that the society has been in existence for several years.

PIERCE COUNTY: Pierce County Pioneers' Association.—Headquarters are in Tacoma. The officers for 1914 were: Charles Boatman, president; W. O. Peterson, secretary; Mrs. Addie Hill, treasurer. Meetings are held in January, April, July and October. The society has erected monuments on historic sites. Local historical documents are deposited in the State Historical Building. Membership is restricted to those who have resided on the Pacific Coast prior to 1870.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY: Stillaguamish Association of Washington Pioneers.—The headquarters are at Arlington. The officers of 1914 were: W. F. Oliver president; M. M. McCaulley, secretary. The annual meeting occurs in August.

SPOKANE COUNTY: Spokane County Pioneer Society.—The headquarters are at Spokane. The officers for 1914 were Billy Seehorn, president; R. A. Hutchinson, vice-president; Mary C. Mackey, secretary; Dr. E. Pittwood, treasurer. There are four meetings a year including

the annual outing. Membership is open to those who have resided in Spokane County on or before November 29, 1884.

STEVENS COUNTY: Stevens County Pioneer Association.—The headquarters are at Colville. The officers for 1914 were B. F. Goodman, president; John B. Slater, secretary; W. L. Sax, treasurer. The annual meeting is on June 30, of each year. Membership restricted to residents of the State prior to June, 1895.

THURSTON COUNTY: Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County.—The headquarters are at Olympia. The officers for 1914 were Michel Harris, president; George N. Talcot, 1st vice-president; Fred W. Stocking, 2d vice-president; Allen Weir, secretary and curator; Mrs. G. M. Blankenship, treasurer. There is an annual gathering at Priest's Point, Olympia, in summer; also a meeting in March. The society gathers local historical documents which are preserved with the curator. Membership is restricted to those having been residents of the county prior to 1870.

Old Settlers Association.—Headquarters are at Rochester. The officers for 1914 were Mrs. R. M. Van Eaton, Mrs. Nels Sargeant, J. R. James.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY: Inland Empire Pioneer Association.—The headquarters are at Walla Walla. The officers for 1914 were Ben Burgunder, president; Martin Evans, secretary; Levi Ankeny, treasurer; W. D. Lyman, historian. The society has an annual meeting. Membership qualifications: residence in the Inland Empire or on Pacific Coast prior to 1885.

WHATCOM COUNTY: Old Settlers' Association of Whatcom County.—The postoffice address of this society is at Bellingham; the headquarters are located at Pioneer Park, Ferndale. The officers for 1914 were J. B. Wilson, president; T. B. Wynn, vice-president; Fred E. Prouty, secretary; H. E. Campbell, treasurer. The annual gathering, election of officers, etc., is in August at the headquarters at Pioneer Park, Ferndale. Membership is granted to those who have resided in Whatcom County for ten years.

WHITMAN COUNTY: Whiaman County Pioneers' Association.—The headquarters are at Rosalia. The officers for 1914 were M. H. West, president; M. W. Merritt, vice-president; B. F. Manring, secretary. The annual meeting is in June. Membership confined to those residing in the State prior to October, 1882.

YAKIMA COUNTY: Yakima Pioneers' Association.—The headquarters are at North Yakima. The officers for 1914 were Ella S. Hagel,

president; James A. Beck, vice-president; Mrs. Zona H. Cameron, treasurer; John H. Lynch, secretary. The regular meeting is held on the second Saturday of December. Steps are being taken to preserve local historical documents. Membership is restricted to all citizens of white or Indian blood who were residents of the original county of Yakima, prior to November 9, 1889, and their descendents.

Yakima Columbian Association.—This society has for its principal object the preservation of the old St. Joseph's mission in Yakima County.

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